

REMARKS

Entry of the amendment to paragraph 1 of the Specification, which updates the Government Rights paragraph, is respectfully solicited. This amendment is submitted prior to or concurrently with the payment of the issue fee and, therefore, no petition or fee is required. No new matter has been added. In the Office Action dated June 24, 2005, the Office rejected claims 1-21 variously pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of the references of Stannard and Klanchar et al. Still further, claims 1-21 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of copending application Serial No. 10/685,771, and which was filed on October 14, 2003 and which is now U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2005/0079130.

In view of the Office Action, applicant's associate counsel conducted a telephone interview regarding this application and which is summarized below.

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW - July 1, 2005

On the date noted above, applicant's associate counsel, George Grigel, Reg. No. 31,166 of Wells St. John P.S., Spokane Washington conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Doerrler with respect to new claim 22 and which is now made a part of this responsive amendment. After consideration of claim 22, and the art of record, the Examiner indicated that claim 22 was allowable over the art of record and further that amendment to the remaining claims consistent with claim 22 would be given favorable consideration in a responsive future amendment.

Applicants' counsel, wishes to thank the Examiner for his courteous cooperation with respect to this interview.

Further, and attached hereto, please find a duly executed Terminal Disclaimer directed to copending Application Serial No. 10/685,771, and which obviates the provisional obvious type

double patenting rejection.

In view of the amendments to the claims which are consistent with new claim 22 as provided herewith, the attached Terminal Disclaimer, and the agreement reached by telephone with the Examiner on July 1, 2005, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a prompt Notice of Allowance of claims 1-22 as variously amended is courteously solicited in the Examiner's next action.

The undersigned attorney would request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney of record in the event that a further telephone conference could expedite the prompt handling of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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